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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) An isolated *MEN1* gene, wherein said *MEN1* gene encodes a protein having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

2. (cancelled)

<sup>2</sup>  
β. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The isolated *MEN1* gene of claim 1, nucleic acid comprising wherein the *MEN1* gene comprises SEQ ID NO:1.

<sup>3</sup>  
A.3 (previously presented) The isolated *MEN1* gene of claim 1, wherein the *MEN1* gene comprises SEQ ID NO:3.

5.-23. (cancelled)

<sup>4</sup>  
24. (currently amended) A kit for detecting in a test sample the presence or absence of a mutation in a *MEN1* gene having the sequence of SEQ ID NO:3, the kit comprising;

a) ~~a container holding an oligonucleotide sequence that binds~~ hybridizes to a target region in exon 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and/or 10 of SEQ ID NO:3; and

b) ~~a container holding a reagent for detecting the formation of a duplex between the gene and the oligonucleotide first nucleotide sequence.~~

25. (cancelled)

<sup>4</sup>  
<sup>5</sup>  
26. (currently amended) The kit of claim ~~24~~<sup>4</sup>, further comprising amplification primer pairs specifically binding hybridizing to a human *MEN1* gene, SEQ ID NO:3 having the sequence of SEQ ID NO:3.

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27.-29. (cancelled)

<sup>6</sup>  
~~30.~~ (currently amended) An transfected isolated cell ~~in vitro~~, wherein the cell comprises a comprising the nucleic acid of claim 1.

31. (cancelled)

<sup>7</sup>  
~~32.~~ (currently amended) The transfected isolated cell of claim ~~30~~<sup>6</sup>, wherein the nucleic acid comprises a nucleic acid as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:3.

<sup>8</sup>  
~~33.~~ (currently amended) The isolated ~~transfected~~ cell of claim ~~30~~<sup>6</sup>, wherein the cell is a human cell.

34.-35. (cancelled)

<sup>9</sup>  
~~36.~~ (currently amended) An expression cassette comprising a the nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein the nucleic acid is operably linked to a promoter.

<sup>10</sup>  
~~37.~~ (original) The expression cassette of claim ~~36~~<sup>9</sup>, further comprising an expression vector.

38.-42. (cancelled)

<sup>11</sup>  
~~43.~~ (currently amended) A method for detecting the presence or absence of a mutation in a target region in exon 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and/or 10 of SEQ ID NO:3 in a nucleic acid sample, the method comprising:

a) contacting the nucleic acid sample with an oligonucleotide probe to the target region in exon 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and/or 10 of SEQ ID NO:3; and,

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b) detecting the formation of a duplex between the gene target region and the oligonucleotide; wherein a change in the formation of the duplex in comparison to formation of a control duplex comprising the oligonucleotide and the wildtype target region of SEQ ID NO:3 is indicative of the presence of the mutation.

44. (cancelled)

<sup>12</sup>  
45. (currently amended) A method for detecting the presence or absence of a mutation in a target region in exon 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and/or 10 of SEQ ID NO:3 in a nucleic acid sample, the method comprising:

incubating the nucleic acid sample in an amplification reaction comprising primers that amplify the target region in exon 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and/or 10 of SEQ ID NO:3;

contacting the amplified product with an oligonucleotide probe to the amplified target region of SEQ ID NO:3; and,

detecting the formation of a duplex between the amplified product and the oligonucleotide probe; wherein a change in the formation of the duplex in comparison to formation of a control duplex comprising the oligonucleotide and the wildtype target region of SEQ ID NO:3 is indicative of the presence of the mutation.

46. (cancelled)

<sup>13</sup>  
47. (currently amended) A method for detecting the presence or absence of a mutation in a target region in exon 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and/or 10 of SEQ ID NO:3 in a nucleic acid sample, the method comprising:

incubating the nucleic acid sample from the individual in an amplification reaction comprising primers that amplify a target region of SEQ ID NO:3; and

determining the sequence of the target region.

<sup>14</sup>  
48. (new) An isolated cell comprising the nucleic acid of claim 3.

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<sup>15</sup>  
~~47~~. (new) The isolated cell of claim <sup>14</sup>~~48~~, wherein the cell is a human cell.

<sup>16</sup>  
~~50~~. (new) An expression cassette comprising the nucleic acid of claim ~~49~~, <sup>2</sup>  
wherein the nucleic acid is operably linked to a promoter.

<sup>17</sup>  
~~51~~. (new) The expression cassette of claim <sup>16</sup>~~50~~, further comprising an  
expression vector.